

Office of City Clerk,

Hartford, 17th January, 1887.

Sir:

I have been directed by the City Council to forward you the enclosed resolution, which was adopted at a meeting of that body, held on the ^{1st instant.}

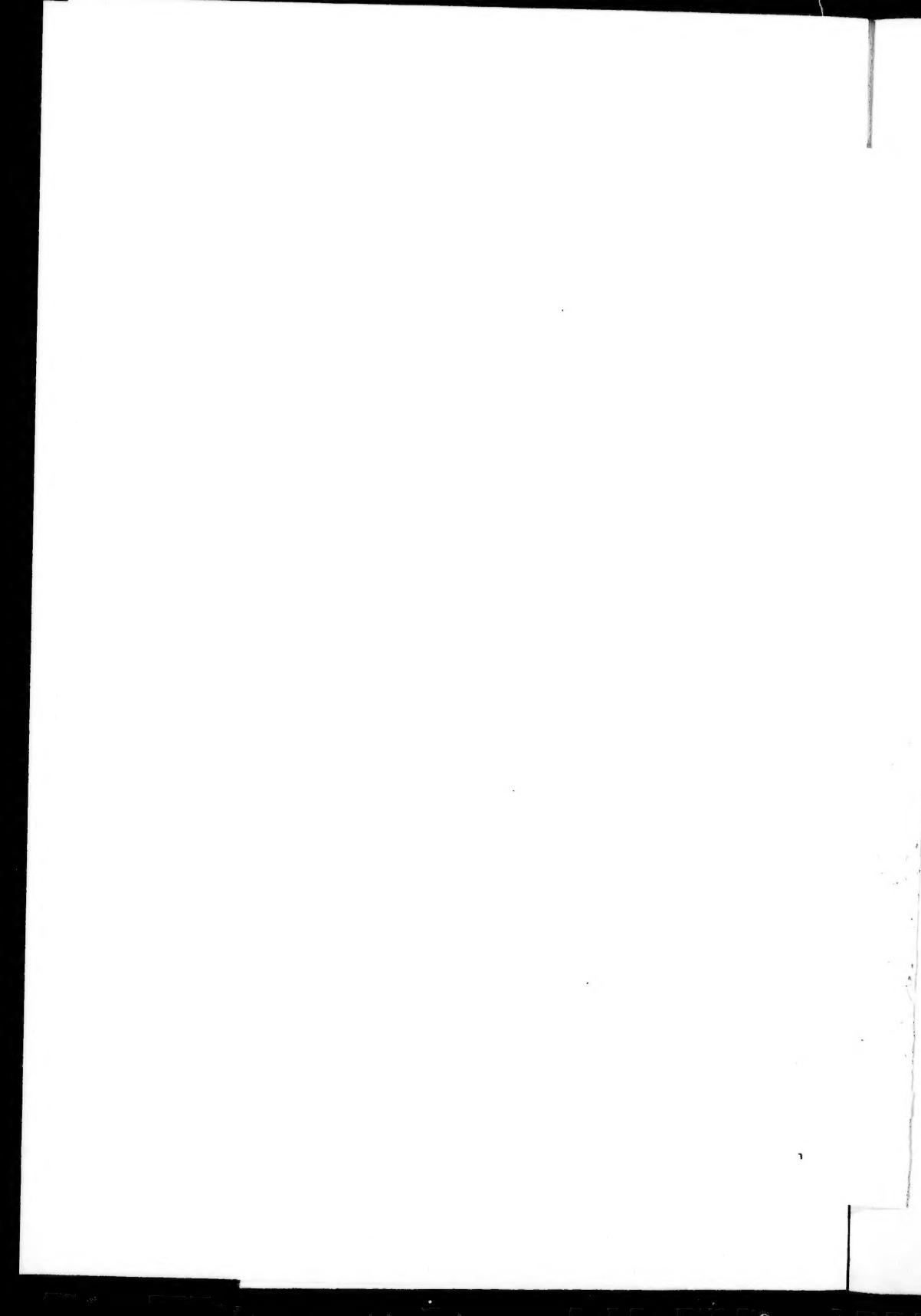
I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. Smith
City Clerk

To Hon Adolphus Barn
M.P.



REPORT
OF
SPECIAL COMMITTEE

OF THE
CITY COUNCIL,

ON THE SUBJECT OF

Making Halifax the Winter Terminus

OF THE
CANADA PACIFIC RAILWAY.

(Adopted at a meeting of the City Council, held on the 9th January, 1884.)

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL,
DECEMBER 18th, 1883

Read letter from the Mayor of Quebec on the propriety of trying to induce the Canada Pacific Railway to make Quebec the Summer and Halifax and St. John their Winter Terminus.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY HALL,
Quebec, 13th Dec., 1883.

HIS HONOR
THE MAYOR OF HALIFAX,

SIR :

By a resolution adopted at the last meeting of the City Council, I have been authorized to put myself in communication with you and the Mayor of St. John, N. B., and advise with both of you as to the best means to call the attention of the Federal Government to the justice and propriety of trying to induce the Canadian Pacific Railway to make Quebec their Summer, and Halifax their Winter, Terminus.

If no steps to that effect be taken, it is quite likely that the Can. P. Ry. Co. will take some American port as their Winter Terminus.

I think the best way to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion—if your Council agrees with us on the main point—would be to have an interview with the Dominion Ministers, and urge the claims of our Cities. However, I am entirely open to conviction on any other plan that you may suggest.

Yours truly,

F. LANGELEIR,

Mayor of Quebec.

On motion of Alderman O'Bryan, seconded by Alderman Stephen, Resolved that the letter be referred to a Special Committee of one Alderman from each Ward to consider and report on at an early day. Motion passed.

Committee: — Alderman MacCoy, Hesslein, Stephen, McLennan, Woodill and O'Brien.

[A true extract.]

THOMAS RHIND,

City Clerk.

**EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL,
JANUARY 9th, 1884.**

Read Report from the Special Committee in reference to the letter from the Mayor of Quebec, on the subject of making Halifax the Winter Terminus for the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The Committee to whom was referred the letter of His Worship the Mayor of Quebec, in relation to making Halifax the Winter Port, and Quebec the Summer Port of the Canadian Pacific Railway, beg leave to report as follows:

Your Committee having met and discussed the matter referred to them, considered it proper to invite some of the leading merchants of Halifax, and others interested in the matter, to meet your Committee with a view of having their opinions on the question, as it was one of great importance to the citizens generally.

Your Committee therefore sent invitations to a number of gentlemen, and after a full discussion a committee was appointed consisting of the Chairman, Hon. Alfred G. Jones, Hon. Senator Power and J. J. Brenner, Esquire, to draw up resolutions in accordance with the views of the meeting, and submit them at a future meeting, at which all persons interested should be invited to attend.

A notice was given of that meeting through the press, and all persons interested were invited to attend thereat.

The committee referred to reported to that meeting the three resolutions following :

Whereas, At the present time the only available means of transporting freight between the terminus of the Intercolonial Railway at Point Levis and the City of Montreal—the great *entrepot* of freight passing between the interior and the seaboard—is by lines controlled by a single company, so that there is practically no competition on that portion of the route ; and

Whereas, Owing to the absence of such competition, great and unwarrantable delays, highly injurious to the business of the Intercolonial Railway and of all points east of Montreal continually occur in the transportation of freight, and frequently of mails and passengers to and fro between Point Levis and Montreal, and it has also been found by experience that the cost of moving goods from one of these points to the other in many cases equals, and in some cases exceeds, that of transporting the same goods over the whole length of the Intercolonial, although the distance traversed in the latter case is more than three times as great as in the former, and as a consequence through traffic over the Government railway is most seriously diminished ; and

Whereas, The interests of the Intercolonial Railway, of the three lower Provinces and of a large portion of the Province of Quebec imperatively demand that there should be, at the earliest practicable date, a line of railway from Point Levis to Montreal, owned and controlled by the Government of Canada ; and

Whereas, If the Intercolonial Railway were the property of a company of sufficient wealth and resources to incur the necessary expense, steps would at once be taken to place the western terminus of the road at a competing point for railway freight ; and

Whereas, It was hoped that by the extension of the Intercolonial Railway from River du Loup to Point Levis the necessary competition would be secured, but these hopes have been frustrated by the recent acquisition of the control of the North Shore and Eastern Railways by the same company which owns the road on the south of the St. Lawrence, between Point Levis and Montreal ;

Therefore Resolved, That in the opinion of the Council it is most desirable that the Government of Canada should, as soon as practicable, secure an extension of the Intercolonial from Point Levis to Montreal, either by purchasing or leasing one of the two existing lines or by constructing a new road.

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of the Council that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have it in contemplation to locate their Atlantic winter terminus at an United States port ; and

Whereas, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, although, in one sense, a private corporation, such as would be under ordinary circumstances empowered to locate their road so as to secure the largest practicable profit to the company's shareholders, on the other hand have undertaken a great national work with a view of building up and consolidating the various sections of the Dominion ; and

Whereas, The exceedingly great assistance given to the company in their undertaking by the Government and Parliament of Canada, make it evident that the company in constructing and completing their road, are doing a work which is regarded as a great public necessity, and which would have been done by the Government had no company been found able and willing to undertake it ; and

Whereas, the refusal of the Government and Parliament of Canada to allow an intermediate link of the great inter-oceanic highway to be located even temporarily in a foreign country, indicated a fixed determination that the Canadian Pacific Railway should be in all its parts a purely Canadian work ; and

Whereas, The location of the Atlantic winter terminus of the railway in United States territory would derogate much more from the national character of the work than the utilization, for temporary purposes, of the American lines south of Lake Superior between Sault Sainte Marie and Manitoba ; and

Whereas, The Lower Provinces, whose people have contributed largely towards the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, are entitled to derive therefrom the comparatively slight advantage of having its winter terminus situated within their territory ;

Therefore Resolved, That in the opinion of the Council the projected location of the Atlantic winter terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway at a foreign port would be a direct violation of the principles enunciated and acted upon by the Government and Parliament with respect to the road around Lake Superior, and an irreparable injury to the people of the Lower Provinces, and that it is the imperative duty of the Government of Canada to take such steps as may be found necessary to secure the location of the eastern winter terminus of our great inter-oceanic railway at a harbor within our borders.

Resolved, That copies of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded by the City Clerk to the members of the Senate and Commons from Quebec and the three Maritime Provinces, to the members of the Legislature of the said four Provinces, to the Mayors of Quebec, St. John, Fredericton and Charlottetown, and to such other Mayors, Wardens or other persons as shall be thought advisable.

Passed unanimously.

These Resolutions were unanimously passed at a very influential meeting of our leading citizens and merchants, and a strong feeling existed that this Council should use every effort in their power to press upon the Federal Government the necessity, as well as the right, to have the Terminus of the Canada Pacific Railway located within the Maritime Provinces.

Your Committee would therefore recommend to this Council the resolutions passed at that meeting for their adoption, and that every effort should be made to carry out the object this and the Quebec Council have in view.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY,

Chairman.

On motion of Alderman MacCoy, seconded by Alderman McLellan, the said report is received and adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

[A true extract.]

THOS. RHIND,

City Clerk.